

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Joint Application of Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C., Western Hub Properties L.L.C., and WHP Acquisition Company, LLC, to Transfer Control of Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C., to WHP Acquisition Company, LLC, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of the Purchase of Western Hub Properties L.L.C. by WHP Acquisition Company, LLC, Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854(a) and of Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C. for Approval of a Secured Long-Term Financing Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 816, 817, 818, 823 and 851.

Application 01-09-045
(Filed September 28, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING TIME
TO RESPOND TO THE JOINT MOTION OF LODI GAS STORAGE, L.L.C.,
WESTERN HUB PROPERTIES L.L.C.
AND WHP ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC**

On March 5, 2002, pursuant to Rule 45 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C. (LGS), Western Hub Properties, L.L.C. (Western Hub) and WHP Acquisition Company, LLC (WHP Acquisition) (collectively Applicants) filed a Joint Motion requesting that the Commission accept a declaration regarding the corporate name change for Aquila, Inc. Applicants also request that the period for filing responses to the Motion be shortened, pursuant to Rule 45(f), in light of the nonsubstantive information presented by the Motion.

As described in Application 01-09-045 filed on September 28, 2001, and as amended by an amendment filed on November 20, 2001, Aquila, Inc. is one of the

owners of WHP Acquisition, which proposes to acquire the limited liability company interests in Western Hub, and thereby indirect control of LGS. As described in the amendment, UtiliCorp United Inc. (UtiliCorp) was in the process of acquiring the publicly held common shares of Aquila, Inc. not already owned by UtiliCorp (approximately 20% of the outstanding common shares) and, upon successful completion of that transaction, would adopt the name "Aquila, Inc." as its corporate name.

No party has protested this application. It is reasonable to shorten the period to respond to the motion to March 11, 2002.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the request of Applicants to shorten the time to file responses to the Joint Motion that was filed on March 5, 2002 is granted. Responses shall be filed and served by March 13, 2002.

Dated March 8, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANGELA K. MINKIN for

Jean Vieth

Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time to Respond to the Joint Motion of Lodi Gas Storage, L.L.C., Western Hub Properties L.L.C. and WHP Acquisition Company, LLC on all parties of record in this proceeding, Application (A.) 98-11-012, A.00-06-050 or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 8, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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N O T I C E

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